SORRY TO CONTACT YOU OUT OF THE BLUE.

THEY'RE GETTING TO BE TOO MUCH FOR US...

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SIGN: JUVENILE CARE FACILITY: SOUAI-EN

MAN, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE COLLEGE.

HOPEFULLY, I CAN FIND A WAY TO HELP YOU OUT...

KYORO

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KYORO (GLANCE)

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HA HA...

I'M NOT UNINTERESTED, BUT FOLKLORE RESEARCH IS A TAD DIFFERENT FROM THE OCCULT!

MAYBE IT'S ESP OR SOME-THING...

...BUT THAT'S MORE YOUR AREA.

THEY'RE JUST ODD, YOU KNOW?

LIKE I SAID ON THE PHONE, THESE KIDS...

BUT IT INCLUDED SOMETHING ABOUT A "RED-EYED MEDUSA," RIGHT?

SOMETHING ABOUT THESE KIDS REMINDED ME OF THAT A LOT.

YOU WERE DOING RESEARCH INTO MEDUSA-TYPE LEGENDS IN JAPAN, THOUGH, RIGHT?

YEAH, BUT EVEN I HAVE TO ADMIT, THAT'S PRETTY FAR-OUT STUFF.

ACADEMIA WON'T ACCEPT IT FOR A WHILE.

OH REALLY...?

MOM?

WHAT'S A "MEDUSA"?

OH, I NEVER TOLD YOU, AYANO?

HMM...

I GUESS IT'S...

...A TOPIC OF RESEARCH FOR ME?

OR, LIKE, SOMEONE YOUR MOM WOULD REALLY LIKE TO MEET...

...MAYBE.

LIKE, SCARY ...?

OOH, SOME PEOPLE THINK IT IS, YES.

BUT...

...IF YOU ASK ME, I BET IT'S ACTUALLY REALLY NICE.

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...RIGHT IN HERE.

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KON (KNOCK)

KON

GACHA (KCHAK)

THEY SHOULD BE...

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NOBODY IN?

SHIN (SILENCE)

HEY!

DON'T JUST WALK IN...

LOOKS EMPTY.

TA (TMP)

KYORO (GLANCE)

HMM... ODD.

...WE WOULD'VE PASSED THEM ON THE WAY HERE.

IF THOSE KIDS HAD GONE OUT SOME-WHERE...

KYORO

WHEW...

GOOD THING I PRACTICED MAKING YOU ALL DISAPPEAR WITH ME.

OKAY, SETO...

IS THIS THE GIRL WHOSE MIND YOU HEARD? SHE DOES "CREEPY RESEARCH"?

SHE'S GOTTA BE! I HEARD ONE OF THE STAFF TWO NIGHTS AGO THINKING SHE'D WANNA ADOPT US!

KIDO! YOU'RE GOING, LIKE, SUPER-INVISIBLE !!

HOW DOES THAT WORK?

HELP ME! I DON'T WANNA DIE!!

AAAH!

LIKE THAT ALIEN AUTOPSY THEY SHOWED ON TV THE OTHER DAY...?

...WE'LL BE SENT TO SOME LABORATORY AND GET EXPERI-MENTED ON...?

YOU THINK...

KATA (SHIVER)

KATA

...WHAT IS IT, AYANO?

.....

BIKU (SHUDDER)

KATA
KATA
KATA (SHIVER)
I'M FEELING SOMETHING WEIRD AROUND HERE.
KATA
KATA
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KATA
OH, COME ON. DON'T BE SILLY...
JUST... I DUNNO, WEIRD.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SOME-THING WEIRD?

PON (PAT)

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ううう

UH...

HELLO THERE...

BATAN (THUMP)

KURA (FAINT)

...

WELL, THIS IS A SURPRISE.

SO THIS IS GONNA BE YOUR ROOM FROM NOW ON, OKAY?

ALL RIGHTY!

I WANT YOU GUYS TO FEEL TOTALLY RELAXED IN HERE...

...SO FEEL FREE TO USE WHATEVER YOU WANT AROUND THE HOUSE!

PATAN (SHUT)

I'M GONNA GO MAKE DINNER, SO JUST CHILL OUT TILL IT'S READY, OKAY?

AT LEAST IT'S NOT SOME KIND OF FREAKY LABORATORY...

THAT'S WHAT I WANNA KNOW...

SHE ACTUALLY TOOK US. WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO NOW?

SO, HEY...

UH...

I DUNNO, BUT SHE DIDN'T ACT TOO SHOCKED WHEN SHE SAW WHAT I DID.

YEAH. LIKE, IF ANYTHING, SHE LOOKED KINDA HAPPY.

WHAT MADE THAT LADY WANT TO TAKE US, OF ALL PEOPLE?

I GUESS THE HOME TOLD HER ABOUT ALL OF OUR ABILITIES, BUT...

HMM...

IF SOMEONE LIKE US CAN MAKE HER HAPPY...

GACHA (KCHAK)

SHE'S GONNA EXPERIMENT ON US, I KNOW IT.

YOU THINK SO!?

ARE YOU GUYS OBSESSED OR WHAT?

UH...

CAN WE HELP YOU...?

HEY, SO...

...ARE YOU GUYS MEDUSAS?

MEDUSAS ...?

I THINK ...

...SHE MEANS THE MONSTER WHO LOOKS AT PEOPLE AND TURNS THEM INTO STONE.

MY MOM TOLD ME...

...SHE'S ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET THIS RED-EYED MEDUSA!

I JUST FIGURED YOU MIGHT BE SOMEONE LIKE THAT.

UH, I'M NOT SURE I—

WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

ARE YOU SAY-ING...

...YOU THINK WE'RE A PACK OF MONSTERS TOO?

WHAT ...?

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KIDO, CALM DOWN...

YOUR MOTHER JUST TOOK US IN AS SOME KIND OF JOKE, DIDN'T SHE!?

THAT'S HOW IT ALWAYS IS... EVERYONE TREATS US LIKE HORRIBLE MONSTERS!

WHOA!

YOUR ARM...!

AH!

SU (SSK)

BASHI (SLAP)

DON'T TOUCH ME!

ZURU (SLUMP)

DON (BANG)

TSU (DRIP)

YOU'RE BLEED-ING...

SU

I...

I'M SORRY.

I...

I GUESS THAT MUST'VE HURT...

GU (CLENCH)

KIDO!

GEEZ, THAT WAS TOO MUCH!

N-NO!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO THAT...

HUH...?

THAT'S REALLY NICE OF YOU.

THAT'S WHY SHE BROUGHT YOU HERE.

MOM SAID SHE WANTED TO HELP CURE YOU TOO.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE MONSTERS OR WHAT...

...BUT I'M NOT SCARED OF YOU GUYS AT ALL.

I'VE BEEN WORKING OUT AND STUFF!

SUKU (HOP)

OH, NO PROB-LEM!

I'M FINE!

BUT... I'M SORRY I HIT YOU AND ALL...

SU (REACH)

DON'T YOU THINK ...

...WE COULD ALL BE FAMILY?

SO C'MON!

...SURE.

I THOUGHT ALL THIS WAS JUST FOLKLORE ...

BUT IF THIS IS TRUE AND IT'S SURVIVED ALL THE WAY TO MODERN TIMES...

...THEN MAYBE... THOSE CHILDREN...

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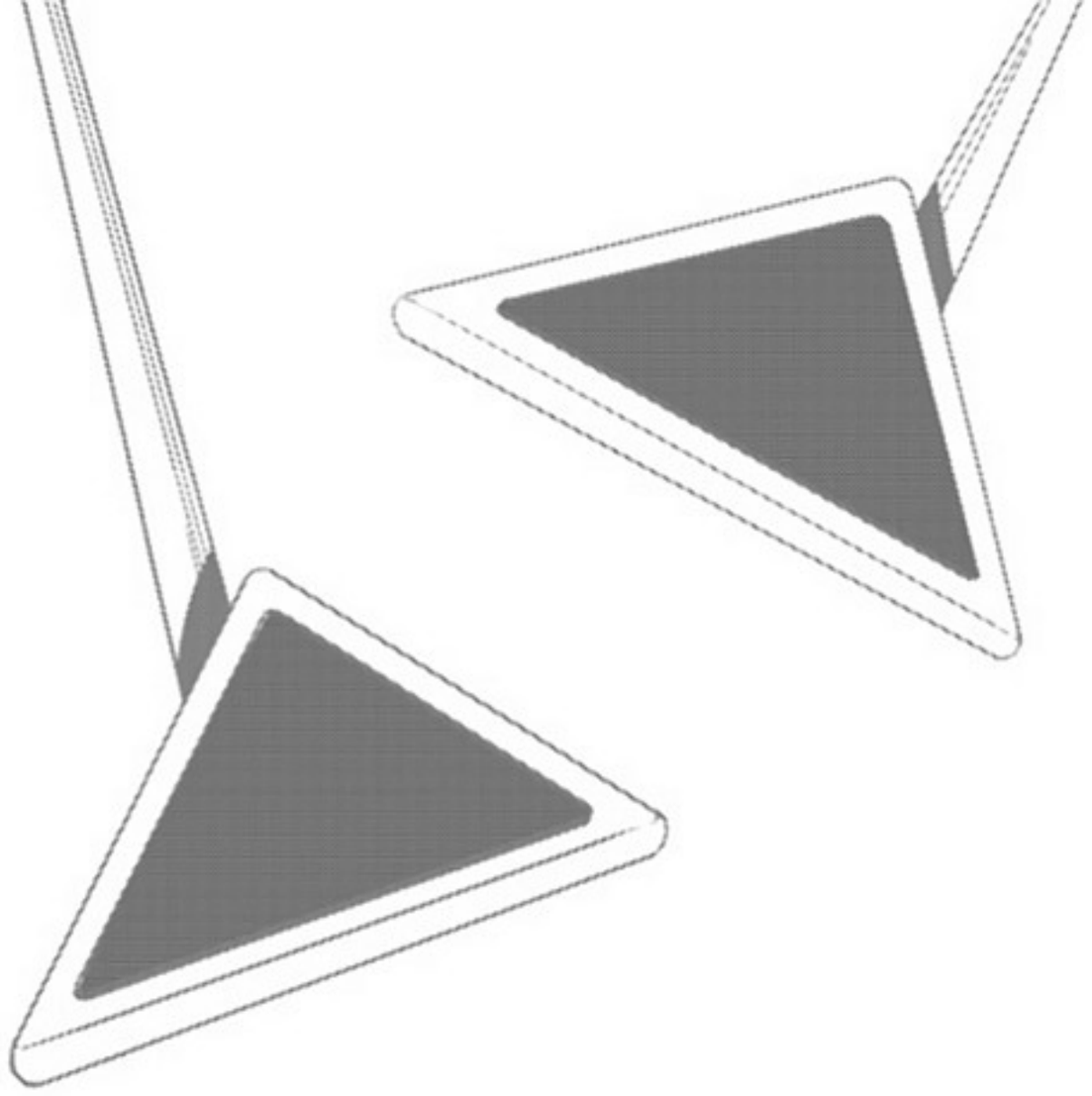

Well, we've made it to Volume 8. To the afterword, specifically. The idea of how many tens of thousands of sheets of paper with these crappy, content-free afterwords I write for every single volume is starting to make me nauseous. I really have to apologize about this. Once again, *Kagerou Daze* has seen the light of day thanks to the dogged efforts of a vast number of people. I'll do my best to make sure the next volume remains fun for all of our readers too.

CONGRATULATIONS ON VOLUME 8 OF THE MANGA!

HUH? KIDO-SAN'S IN BIG TROUBLE? OH, COME ON! WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT? IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR KIDO-SAN, SHE'S RIGHT BEHIND US, COOKING DINNER LIKE SHE ALWAYS DOES. HEY, KIDO-SAN...? OH WAIT, SHE'S D-DEAD...

SIDU

IT'S VOLUME 8!! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

WOW! WE'RE ALL THE WAY UP TO VOLUME 8! I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THE SENSE OF BUILDUP THAT'S BEEN GROWING SINCE VOLUME 7 OR SO. SORRY YOU HAD TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER FOR THIS ONE THAN USUAL. IT WAS DUE IN PART TO A LITTLE PERSONAL BUSINESS...NAMELY, I GAVE BIRTH TO A CHILD LAST YEAR! APOLOGIES FOR NOT GIVING A LITTLE MORE NOTICE! FOR NOW, MY CURRENT GOAL IS TO BUILD UP THE STRENGTH TO BALANCE MY LIFE BETWEEN MANGA AND RAISING A BABY. NOW, THIS VOLUME WAS ALL ABOUT KANO AND KIDO, I SUPPOSE. I LOVE ALL THE CHARACTERS I GET TO WORK WITH, BUT I'VE BEEN PARTICULARLY SMITTEN WITH THESE TWO EVER SINCE WE LAUNCHED! I'D LOVE TO DRAW THEM A WHOLE LOT MORE, AND HOPEFULLY THAT'S PART OF JIN-SAN'S PLAN! ANYWAY, THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. HERE'S HOPING I SEE YOU IN THE NEXT VOLUME!

AND SOON, THE SNAKE AWAKENS ...!?

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